

## **AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 36-37 with the following amended paragraph:

Commercially available biodegradable resins were used as the raw materials herein. In this example, the aliphatic polyester type biodegradable resin made by Showa Highpolymer Co., Ltd., and sold under the trademark designation of "Bionolle" #1020, including to which 30% talc by weight was added, was used as the polybutylene succinate and the polylactic acid type biodegradable resin made by Shimadzu Seisakusho K.K. and sold under the trademark designation of "LACT" #2010 was used a polylactic acid. First, these products, the Bionolle product to which talc was added and the LACT product, in the form of pellets were dried under a reduced pressure at 80 °C for four hours. The dried resins were severally processed by the dry blend method using an injection molding device to obtain injection molded slide fasteners, namely the molded fastener A which was formed solely of the talc ~~30%-containing~~ 30%-added grade of Bionolle and the molded fastener B which was formed of the talc ~~30%-containing~~ 30%-added grade of Bionolle/LACT at a mixing ratio of 80/20 (% by weight) or Bionolle/talc/LACT at a mixing ratio of 56/24/20 (% by weight).